

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5093. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3763) to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. NEY, Mrs. NELLY, Mr. COX, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FRANK, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Ms. WATERS:

That Mr. SHOWS is appointed in lieu of Ms. WATERS for consideration of section 11 of the House bill and section 305 of the Senate amendment, and modifications, committed to conference.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 306 and 904 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 108 and 109 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. GREENWOOD, and Mr. DINGELL.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 105 and titles 8 and 9 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. CONYERS.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 109

of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MCCRERY, and Mr. RANGEL.

At 5:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5121. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 5093. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5121. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 5010: A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-213).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 293: A resolution designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 862: A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2002 through 2006 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2395: A bill to prevent and punish counterfeiting and copyright piracy, and for other purposes.

S. 2513: A bill to assess the extent of the backlog in DNA analysis of rape kit samples, and to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2750. A bill to improve the provision of telehealth services under the medicare program, to provide grants for the development of telehealth networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2751. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2752. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the establishment of medicare demonstration programs to improve health care quality; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. CARNAHAN):

S. 2753. A bill to provide for a Small and Disadvantaged Business Ombudsman for Procurement in the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2754. A bill to establish a Presidential Commission on the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2755. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the opening of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, scheduled for July 4, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2756. A bill to establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in the States of Vermont and New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2757. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 2758. A bill entitled "The Child Care and Development Block Grant Amendments Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 2759. A bill to protect the health and safety of American consumers under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act from seafood contaminated by certain substances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution calling for Congress to consider and vote on a resolution for the use of force by the United States Armed Forces against Iraq before such force is deployed; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or